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A Thousand Reading Employes Strike. A SERIOUS RAILROAD ACCIDENT

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English Sentiment on Commercial Union-

ENGLISH THEATRICAL MEMOIRS The Bancrofts and Toole to Tell the World Their Experiences.

Special Cable Dispatch to the EVENING STAR. LONDON, Dec. 31.-Several books of theatrica memoirs are promised soon, including those of Mr. and Mrs. Bancroft and Toole. The Bancrofts have long been leaders of theatrical society, and raised ore. Soutache Bruided Robes; liberal, handsome; \$9, the English stage from the state of degradation into which it had fallen twenty years ago. They have now retired with a large fortune, although neither is beyond middle age. Bancroft may b seen at the first nights in the theaters and at social gatherings, with an eye-glass and aristo-cratic air, like the character of Capt. Hawtree in "Caste," in which he is so famous. Like many other men, he almost regrets his retirement. His manner invariably suggests a man at a loss to kill time. Toole will give some account of his experiences in America, although his trip proved a great disappoint. disappointment to him. Here he is acknowledged non consent to be the leading low com

COMMERCIAL UNION. Only a Small Section of Advanced

Thinkers Believe in it in England. Special Cable Dispatch to THE EVENING STAR. LONDON, Dec. 31.-Goldwin Smith, writing from Toronto, says the attempt to detach Canada commercially from her continent is a hopeless struggle against nature. He reminds the English that their commercial interest in Canada is not only that of exporters but investors. The English investments there are estimated at \$500,000,000. A large part of the Canadian railways have been made with English money, none of which has yet paid a dividend on the original stock. Whatever increases the prosperity of Canada, therefore, as

READ THIS TWICE. jority of the people like to think of
There is a great saving of time, of labor, of soap, of
A VAST COUNTRY LIKE CANADA UNDER THEIR RULI a Vast country like canada under their rule even only nominally, and in spite of the fact that Canada levies duties on British goods. Speaking recently to a prominent politician, practically the leader of the advanced section of liberals in the house of commons, on this question, I asked what he thought would be the probable effect of a serious attempt to establish commercial union. "Personally," he said, "I approve it as a natural rational proceeding. The take of some Canadians about their loyalty and so forth is all humbur. about their loyalty and so forth is all humbug They know, so far as we are concerned, it is an empty phase, but under shelter of it they shirk the legitimate responsibility of the defense of their own country, and look to England instead of rely-ing on their own manhood." Views like these, however, if publicly uttered, would cause a great outery, and nobody could foresee the consequence. One thing is certain. All parties are agreed that commercial union would be practically the annexa-tion of Canada to the States.

DEAD IN HIS BED.

A Relative of the Late Mayor Sme Dies Suddenly in Alexandria.

bed at Mayor Smoot's house this morning by Mr. Henry Smoot, who slept beside him.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE EVENING STAR. FRANKFORT, Dec. 31.—It is reported that at to morrow's New Year's reception Herr Tisza, the Hungarian prime minister, will make important explanations in regard to the political situation. Gen. Scheskokow, governor of the Russian department of Wilna, at an officers' dinner, has made a speech on the Russian army, saying that its ability may be tested at any moment.

A Madrid dispatch to the Frankfurter Zeitung says that the River Guadiaquivir has risen 11 metres; that thousands of laborers are thrown out of employment; that there has been a fearful closed.

The continental stock exchanges were weak to

day, because of an article in the Pester Lloyd tak-ing a less hopeful view of peace. INDIANS AND ESCAPED CONVICTS,

A Reign of Terror along the Arizons NOGALES, ARIZ., Dec. 31.-News has been receive that a small band of Apaches are roaming in the mountains in the Moctezuma district killing and stealing. A number of travellers have been way-

BANDITS RECENTLY COMMENCED DEPREDATIONS in the vicinty of Trinidad mine. Some days ago J E. Jesus Hortado was attacked by bandits near Trinidad, who fired several shots without effect. Darkness permitted Hortado to escape. A few Darkness permitted Hortado to escape. A tew nights ago a party made a charge on the house of Francisco Ortega, in Arroyo hendo del Neuvo, and fired several shots through the doors and windows and also attempted to force an entrance. Ortega barricaded the doors and windows and opened fire on the band, driving them off. The next day ten men were seen with Government rifles in the vicinity. The band is supposed to be deserters from the regular Army who were confined at the National Federal prison San Juan de Ulioa

DR. MACKENZIE'S HOPEFUL VIEW He Has Never Admitted that the Crown Prince had a Cancer.

at the National Federal prison, San Juan de Ulio

a small Island in Vera Cruz Bay.

LONDON, Dec. 31 .- In an interview to-day Dr. Mackenzie stated that he was greatly pleased with the improvement in the condition of the crown prince, Frederick William. Dr. Mackenzie said he had never admitted that the disease from which the crown prince is suffering is a cancer. The only statement he had made which could be so construed was last November, when he said the new growth was apparently cancer-like. The microscope, by the use of which alone can the nature of the disease be ascertained, so far shows that it is not malign. The malignant symptoms manifested in November have passed away. Dr. Mackenzie said, however, that if the disease is not cancer it certainly is very protracted. cancer it certainly is very protracted.

FOURTEEN SKELETONS FOUND. The Disappearance of Black Hill's Travelers Explained in a Horrible

PIERRE, DAK., Dec. 31 .- For months a certain degree of mystery has surrounded the movements of John La Blant, a Sloux Indian half-breed, on a ranch at Willow Creek, 15 miles west of this city. La Blant's ranch was formerly the stopping place of Black Hill travelers. Many people who left Pierre for the hills were never heard from after leaving the city. A few days ago La Blant was detected in cattle stealing. A posse of men organized at Fort Pierre to go out and take the cattle. Upon reaching the ranch La Blant was not to be found. Yesterday the sheriff of this county and a number of citizens proceeded to the ranch to make a thorough investigation of the premises. In one room of the house, in front of a ranch at Willow Creek, 15 miles west of this city. ranch to make a thorough investigation of the premises. In one room of the house, in front of a bed, was observed what appeard to be an opening or trap door. With an axe this was pried open, and found to hang on hinges, so it would drop when a cord was pulled extending from a boit under the door, to the room occupied by Lablant. Opening the entire trap it was found to be 12 feet deep and 14 feet square. Ladders and lanterns were secured and an examination of the cave was made. As soon as the trap was dropped the stench that arose was terrible. The examination of the cavern revealed the skeletons of twelve grown human beings and two smaller ones. No clothing was found in the hole. The only article of any kind was an iron bar about 2 feet in length, which i' is supposed the flend used to murder his victims after he had dropped them into this nole. The ranch is in a lonely spot on the bank of a creek 10 miles from any other human habitation. Lablant has not been seen for several days.

Against Mrs. Paran Stevens. NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Surrogate Rollins has de-cided adversely to Mrs. Paran Stevens, who sought

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Lock out for imitations. The Ship-wrecked Crew Still at Nan-

New York, Dec. 31.—Capt. Mallet, of the steamer Buffalo, the sister ship of the Newcastle City, which foundered off Nantucket on December 29, arrived in this city early this morning from Boston. He stated that owing to the storm and a heavy northwest gale he was unable to stop at the Nantucket south shoal lightship and take off the captain and crew of the Newcastle City. Sanderson 2 Son will a steamer to Nantucket to bring the men to this city.

All Trains Delayed and Some Aban-St. Paul, Dec. 31.—Only points north of the inal boundary and in Montana reported pelow zero temperatures last night. It was still below zero temperatures last night. It was still snowing at St. Paul at midnight, but the fury of the storm had abated. All trains into St. Paul were one to four hours late. Sloux Falls, Dak., reports trains badly delayed. Huron, Dak., reports the sending out of a relief train to meet the Chicago mail, stuck at Arlington. At Brainerd, Minn., the snow is drifting badly. The rotary snow machines have done capital service on the Northern Pacific. Shaopee, Minn., says all north and south roads are blockaded. All Northern Pacific freight trains east of the Missouri River were abandoned yesterday.

HARD TIMES ON 10WA BAHROADS.

A SNOW BLOCKADE.

HARD TIMES ON IOWA RAILROADS.

DUBUQUE, Dec. 31.—Another blizzard has been raging here for the past twenty-four hours. All freight trains are abandoned, and the passenger trains are working along with double engines and snow-plows and making very little progress. The situation is worse than during the recent storm. The present one extends clear across the state, and is more violent beyond Fort Dodge than on this side. The Southern trains are expected to this side. The Southern trains are expected to arrive without losing much time. The mercury is

ove zero. TWELVE INCHES OF SNOW AT DAVENPORT. DAVENPORT, IOWA, Dec. 31.—A heavy snow-storm has been raging for twelve hours. Over 12 inches of snow have fallen. Freight trains have been generally abandoned, and passenger trains go forth with double locomotives.

EVERY ONE DRIVEN INDOORS IN CHICAGO. CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—The bizzard that howle CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—The bizzard that howled in this city yesterday afternoon drove almost every-body off the streets and nearly blockaded traffic throughout the city. Street cars struggled along at long intervals early in the evening. The mails were nearly all from four to five hours behind time. The streets were deserted at 10 o'clock. At that hour the intensity of the storm was almost unprecedented in this locality. The wind shifted into the east and was blowing at the rate of 30 miles an hour. Suburban trains were also greatly delayed, and at one time completely blocked by drifts at 35th street.

THE STORM CONTINUES AT MINNEAPOLIS.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., Dec. 31.—The bizzard which set in yesterday morning is still raging, and is expected to continue till to-night. The snowfall, although continuous, is light, but has drifted badly. Trains on all the roads throughout the northwest are more or less delayed, and on some roads travel has been abandoned. Various points in Minnesota and Dakota announce the worst storm of the season, accompanied by unusually low temperature. THE STORM CONTINUES AT MINNEAPOLIS.

FEARFUL COLD IN VERMONT. FEARFUL COLD IN VERMONT.

MONTPELIER, VT., Dec. 31.—The cold wave reached this section early last night. This morning the following below zero temperature is reported: At Barre, 30; Calais, 22; East Calais, 30; Hardwick, 31; Marshfield, 24; Montpelier, 32; Moretown, 30; Plainfield, 30; West Randolph, 28, and Stowe. 30 below zero.

READING MEN GO OUT.

Nearly a Thousand Strike at One Freight Wharf in Philadelphia. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31.-Nearly one thousand men employed in and around the extensive freight must commercial union, will add to the value and | depot of the Reading Railroad Co. at Willow-street wharf went out on a strike this morning, and the work of handling freight there is consequently badly crippled. This action of the men was in pursuance of the decisions of various local assemblies of the Knights of Labor last evening to support the order of the Reading convention. The men who went out were employed as conductors.

> A SMALL FORCE WORKING AT PORT RICHMOND. At Port Richmond the non-union men who took the places of the strikers several days ago were at work, but the force is a comparatively small one, and nothing like the usual amount of coal is being handled. About 900 coal handlers were formerly employed at the Port Richmond wharves, while it is estimated that not over 150 are so employed a

THE READING SHOP MEN CONTINUE TO WORK.
READING, PA., Dec. 31.—Up to noon to-day there were no signs of a strike on the Reading Railroad in this section. The company's car and machine shops which, employ in their several departments 800 men, have not been as busy as now for ten years. Several Knight of Labor assembles of this city held meetings and the prevaling sentiment. years. Several Knight of Labor assemblies of this city held meetings and the prevaling sentiment was that a strike would be in-timed. There was Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

Alexandria, Va., Dec. 31.—Henry Breerwood, a relative of the late Mayor Smoot, who came on to his page at Gordon and Mahanoy Planes.

Nearly 300 men have been hired in this city within the past two days. Most of them were sent to Port Richmond and Palo Alto, while a few were sent to Tamaqua, Gordon and Shamokin.

Some eighty men were hired this morning and sent to Port Richmond and other places.

sent to Port Richmond and other places. NO THE-UP AT WILLIAMSPORT OR POTTSVILLE.
WILLIAMSPORT, PA., Dec. 31.—The regular freight
trains on the Reading road left for the East to-day,
also nearly all trains north. There is some intile also nearly all trains north. There is some fittle delay but all freight is moving.

Portsville, Pa., Dec. 31.—Despite the sanguine predictions of Chairman Lee last night, the anticipated complete tie-up on the Reading railroad has failed to materialize, at least as far as this end of the line is concerned. In this city everything is moving as usual. At Palo Alto, where Lee declared last night that every man would go out this morning, not a man has left his post.

ALEXANDRIA, VA., Dec. 31.-Mrs. Justus H. Rath bone, wife of the founder of the Knights of Pythias, died at 1 o'clock this afternoon.

Death of Col. Theodore Hyatt. CHESTER, PA., Dec. 31.—Col. Theodore Hyatt, president of the Pennsyvania Military Academy of this city, died this morning, aged sixty-one years. He had been sick for several weeks, and Wednesday underwent the operation of lithotomy, performed by Professor Forbes, of Philadelphia, and from the effects of this he died. He has been president of the Military Academy since he founded it in 1862, and he has been quite a successful educator. A widow, son and daughter survive him.

Nogales ranch just across the line in the United States. A troop of Federal soldiers started on the trail but failed to find the Indian camp. The captain of the Custom-house guards at Bayispe the other day found a number of cattle which had been killed by marauders. The prefect of Sahuirha district informs the State authorities of Sonora that a party of

BANKES RECENTLY COMMENCED DEFENDATIONS. SHORT AND MISSING.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 31.—Assistant Cashier
Wm. N. Smith, of the German-American Bank, of

which Secretary of State Cook is president, is \$9,000 short in his cash and has decamped. His bond, in a guarantee company of New York, is good for \$5,000. Smith had always been regarded as honest and faithful. He has a wife and three children here. He is probably in Canada. Terrible Weather at Sea. THE HATCHES OF THE STRAMSHIP LORD GOUGH BAT-

THE HATCHES OF THE STRAMSHIP LORD GOUGH BATTENED DOWN FOR EIGHT DAYS.

QUEENSTOWN, Dec. 31.—The steamship Lord Gough which has arrived here experienced terrible weather on the passage. For eight days the passengers were not allowed on the upper decks. The hatches were battened down, but despite this precaution a quantity of water penetrated below the steerage from the seas shipped by the steamer. To add to the miseries of the voyage the oil gave out and at night everything was in darkness. All the coal in the starboard bulkers was consumed and the steamer when she arrived had a heavy list to port.

A Fireman Killed in a Collision. BUTTE, MONT., Dec. 3L-A collision occurred yes-terday on the Utah and Northern Railway near the city of Dillon, Mont., which resulted in the killing of Fireman Patrick and the serious injury of Engineer Jno. Sweeny. Many coal cars were

Snow at Staunton. STAUNTON, VA.—It has been snowing heavily all morning, and indications are that it will reach considerable depth; heavy drifting.

Excitement in the Oil Market. PRICES GO UP ON HEAVY BUSINESS TO-DAY. New York, Dec. 31.—Interest in the oil market this morning was at fever heat. A full day's business was crowded into the half day in which the market was open. From yesterday's closing, 87%, the price of petroleum jumped at the opening today to 89%, reacted to 89%, jumped again to 89%, and at a half hour before closing touched 89%, at which price 15,000 barrels were at once taken.

Ashore at Point Judith. Newport, R. L. Dec. 31.—The schooner Mary A. Drury, from Norfolk for Providence, is ashore on Point Judith. She sprung a leak and was run ashore to prevent sinking.

To Get the Newcastle City's Crew. NEW YORK, Dec. 31 .- The revenue cutter Dexter

Minister De Mahy Resigns.

Paris, Dec. 31.—M. de Mahy, minister of marine
in M. Tirard's cabinet, which was formed December 12, has tendered his resignation. Closing the Old Year Merrily.

A JOLLY TIME AT THE BALTIMORE CORN AND FLOUR

BALTIMORE, Dec. 31.—The Corn and Flour Exchange closed the year to-day with the usual celebration. As soon as the call was made the floor was cleared and about 500 ladles occupied chairs on the grain tables, which had been removed to each side of the large hall. A band of music was present, and, after a ring was formed, there was a police drill, followed by clog dancing and comic songs and speeches. More than 100 of the younger members then appeared disguised in the costumes of nearly all the nations, and they had a dance. Foot ball was then introduced, at the close of which there was quite a demand for hats as well as clothing.

PEACEFUL AIRS FROM RUSSIA. The Czar has no Idea of Fighting But Does Want a Chauge in Bul-

been given to the establishment or a third-class provision depot at Rowno in addition to the preprovision depot at Rowno in addition to the previously established second-class magazine
there. Persons in political circles here
are astonished at the continuously
repeated press reports of Russia's intention to
cross the frontier of Russia or Germany or both
frontiers. The official intercourse of Russia with
Austria is friendly, while that with Germany leaves
nothing to be desired. The czar has no idea of
occupying Bulgaria, but he is resolved not to
recognize the present state of affairs, Prince Ferdinand or the sobranje. If no change occurs in the
government of that country the Bulgarian question dinand or the sobranje. If no change occurs in the government of that country the Bulgarian question will remain for Russia an open one. The czar disapproves and refuses to become responsible for the replacing of Prince Ferdinand by a Russian relative. Russia does not desire to make Bulgaria a Russian province, as Roumania separates Russia from Bulgaria. Taking everything into consideration, the Russian people do not believe that war will occur, but they do not expect a speedy settlement of the Bulgarian question. Late military movements were taken solely for the purpose of assuring the safety of the frontier, and in consequence of the unfriendly character of the antecedent declarations as to Austria's policy. It is expected that the recent conjectures and arguments of the foreign press regarding the imminence of war will shortly be decidedly refuted from Russia.

The forged documents to be published. THE FORGED DOCUMENTS TO BE PUBLISHED.

The forged documents to be publishment of the alleged forged documents sent to him relative to Germany's attitude toward Russia, and they will be published in Berlin. This decision is regarded as a very favorable symptom of the political situation. ANOTHER STATEMENT OF RUSSIA'S POSITION.
VIENNA, Dec. 31.—The New Frew Press publishes a letter from St. Petersburg, which says that Russia only desires an unreserved return to the Berlin treaty and that the whole of Europe shall declare that everything that has happened in Bulgaria since Prince Alexander left that country is illegal. Russia, however, will make no sacrifice to restore the legal status there. If Germany should ask Russia to guarantee the neutrality of Bulgaria in the event of European complications, or if, to set off concessions on the Bulgarian question, Austria should ask Russia to safeguard her eastern interests, Russia would refuse to negotiate on these subjects or adhere to a league of peace on that basis, Russia reserves to herself a free hand. Russians do not desire war. The danger lies in the possibility that matters may develop into an affair of honor, which would be doubly dangerous when the question affects the czar's autnority.

THREE KILLED; MANY INJURED.

An Express Crashes into a Freight ANOTHER STATEMENT OF RUSSIA'S POSITION.

An Express Crashes into a Freight Train Near Meadville, Pa., this Morn-

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 31 .- A passenger train on the New York, Pennsylvania and Onio Railroad ran into a double header freight train near Meadville, Pa., this morning, and was totally wrecked.
Particulars of the accident are meager. It was at first reported that the loss of life was heavy. It happened at an early hour this morning. The limited express was running at a high rate of speed when it collided with the freight. The express was totally wrecked. The engineers and one passenger were killed outright, and fifteen to twenty passengers seriously injured. The accident of the seriously injured. twenty passengers seriously injured. The accident happened 3 miles from Meadville. CARS PILED UP IN CONFUSION.

A dispatch from Titusville gives the following particulars: "An accident took place at 9:50 this morning on the main line of the New York, Pennsoning on the main line of the New York, Pennsoning on the Main line of the New York, Pennsoning on the Main line of the New York, Pennsoning on the Main line of the New York, Pennsoning of the N vivania and Ohio road, about 3 miles west of Meadville, near Tracy's Cut, Geneva, Pa., between trains No. 8, limited express from Chicago and Cincinnati to New York, and a west-bound freight, No. 23. Both engineers were killed, one passenger killed, and about fifteen seriously injured. The cars are all plied up, and it is impossible to tell how many were injured. The Pullman sleepers did not leave the track, and the passengers in them were not injured. Luckily the cars did not take fire. The first property sent out were much as take fire. The first reports sent out were much ex-aggerated. Railroad officials are very reticent." Later-Five Persons Killed Outright. MEADVILLE, PA., Dec. 31.—The fast Chicago express on the New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio Railroad, consisting of two sleepers and live day coaches, collided with freight train 23, consisting of two engines and sixty cars, three miles west of this city, at 8 o'clock this morning. Five persons were killed outright, among whom was a passenger. Thirteen others were wounded, nine of them fatally. The following are the names of the killed so far as ascertained: Wm. George, engineer, and Humes, fireman, of the leading freight engine; E. P. Swan and Arthur Irwin, engineer and fireman of the

Chicago express.
A TERRIBLE SCENE OF DESTRUCTION. Both trains present a terrible scene of destruc-tion. When the collision occurred the fast ex-press was making up lost time and going at top speed. The blame is said to rest with the engineer and conductor of the freight train, who were run-

ning on express time.

Capitel Topics. A CHANGE IN THE HOUSE FOLDING-ROOM. Chas. H. Mills, son of Representative Mills, has esigned from his position as clerk in the foldingroom of the House, and Mr. Richard L. Newnham. of Michigan, has been appointed in his place.

TO AMEND THE POSTAL TELEGRAPH BILL. Senator Cullom will introduce an amendment to his postal telegraph bill immediately after the reassembling of Congress, changing the rates named in the original bill, more especially for the trans-mission of press matter. The rates to be named in his amendment are based upon a unit of 100 words or fraction thereof, and are as follows: For 500 miles or less, 25 cents; between 500 and 1,000 miles, 30 cents; between 1,000 and 1,500 miles, 35 cents; between 1,500 and 2,000 miles, 40 cents; between 2,000 and 3,000 miles, 45 cents, and for more than 3,000 miles, 50 cents. When more than one copy of the same dispatch is sent to different newspapers at the same or at different offices the Postmaster-General is to prescribe the rates to be charged for the "drop" contest.

Assault with Intent to Kill.

OHNSON BOLDIN SENT TO THE PENITENTIARY FOR FIVE YEARS. In the Criminal Court, Judge Montgomery, this morning, Johnson Boldin, convicted on the 28th inst, of an assault and battery with intent to kill Daniel Jordan, near 3d and L streets southwest, was called for sentence. This was the case where the difficulty grew out of Boldin asking for a treat. He claimed that Jorden struck him with a brick, and was picking up another when he ran up on him and cut him, but with no intention to take lyfe. He admitted that he had been to the Buffalo penitentiary, under a sentence of three years for larceny, in 1882. Mr. Walker made an appeal for him, and modestly said the conviction may have been on account of the inefficiency of his counsel. The court imposed a sentence of five years in the

Colbert and and Farrell to Meet Again, As related in last Tuesday's STAR, the fight with hard gloves between Colbert, of this city, and Far reil, of Pittsburg, at Sugar Loaf Mountain, was proken up by a sheriff's posse before the finish. Farrell, who had the worst of it, was given until

the representatives of the press in Alexandria were appointed secretaries. Judge Stuart on tak-ing the chair paid a warm tribute to the memwere appointed secretaries. Judge Stuart on taking the chair paid a warm tribute to the memory of the late mayor. A committee appointed for the purpose reported appropriate resolutions, and after eulogies of the deceased by John M. Johnson Jacob Roxbury, M. B. Harlow, F. A. Reed, W.m. H. Lambert, and I. C. O'Neal, the resolutions were adopted and the meeting adjourned.

W. H. McKnight's Funeral.—The funeral of Mr. W. H. McKnight took place this afternoon from his residence on St. Asaph street, near the postoffice. Mr. McKnight, long a leading architect and builder here, had reached his eighty-eighth year. He was the grandson of Capi. Harry Piercy, of the Revolution, to whom, when, after the war, in command of the Alexandria Blues, Washington issued from the steps of the city hotel the last military order ever issued by him. A straightforward and useful citizen. Mr. McKnight kept for nearly a century the respect of the community in which he lived. THE MAYORALITY.—Under the charter it was

The Mayorality.—Under the charter it was possible that nine persons, by controlling a caucus of sixteen, could designate a successor to Mayor Smoot; but it seems now quite likely that twenty-four will have some difficulty in doing it. President Strauss, ex-President Downham and Mr. John Beckham, a most popular citizen, are candidates for the office, and ex-alderman Jos. Broders is being pressed by his friends to make a canvass. Notes.—The trips of the 6 a. m. and 6:30 p. m. Washington and Alexandria ferry-boats have been discontinued for the present.—The schooner F. L. Richardson sailed yesterday from this port for Cuba with cooperage by F. A. Reed.—New Year's Day will be observed next Monday here by the banks, but the custom of New Year receptions has never obtair a here except to a very limited extent. Many Alexandrians will go to Washington to participate in the receptions there.

morning.—George Ticknor Curtis of New York, who intends to remain in Washington several months, Prof. R. F. Foster and James A. Wright, Jr., of New York, Jos. Ryder of Danbury, Conn. McNeir: secretary. R. L. Richmond: financial secmonths, Prof. R. F. Foster and James A. Wright, Jr., of New York, Jos. Ryder of Danbury, Com. and Paymaster Smith and Jno. H. Shipley, of t. St. Patt. Rock. Rock.

NEW YEAR RECEPTIONS. [Continued from First Page.]

Renehan and Miss Annie Hanly, from 10 to 4; 1140 18th st. n.w. Mrs. Elphonso Youngs, with Mrs. Jerome F. Johnson; 805 H st. n.w.
Mrs. Wm. B. Young, with Miss Amy Young; 921 Virginia ave, s. w.

Mrs. E. B. Youmans, assisted by Miss Benedict
and Miss Bruse; 1520 Connecticut ave.

Miscellaneous.

Temperance Home,-Miss L. H. Chase, assisted

by Mrs. Russell, Mrs. G. L. Morgan, Mrs. E. Gil-bert, Mrs. F. S. Smith, Mrs. C. N. Whitney, Miss Lena Hansmann, Mrs. Graham and others; at the "Temperance Home," 329 Missouri ave. n.w., from 11 to 6. Waverly Seminary.—Miss Lipscomb and young ladies of Waverly Seminary, assisted by Mrs. Otls, of Boston, and Miss Dowdell, of Alabama; 1730 Massachusetts ave., from 4 to 7.

Clarendon Hotel.—Mrs. Pay-Director McKean Buchanan, Mrs. Edmond Key Buchanan, of Baltimore; Mrs. M. H. Porter and Misses Porter, of Kentucky; Mrs. Major L. Lorain and Miss Lorain, of Baltimore; Mrs. Wm. J. McDonald, of Washington; Mrs. George Baber, of Kentucky; Mrs. A. D. Lyons and Misses Lizzie, Pink and Lulie Lyons, of Virginia, and Miss Jennie Knox, of Virginia, from 3 to 6.

Spencerian College.—Mrs. Sara A. Spencer, as-

3 to 6.

Spencerian College.—Mrs. Sara A. Spencer, assisted by Mrs. L. Garfield Spencer, the Misses Ruby D. Crowell, Maud M. Howiett, Lena Corbett, Mary Clare, Lelia De Pue, Annie Lally, Emily R. Mahoney, Lily McIntire, Katle Michaels, Margaret E. Price, and Mary A. Sweeney, from 12 to 6; Spencerian College Hall, National Bank of Republic building, cor. of 7th and D n.w.

Y. M. C. A.—Mrs. John W. Foster, Mrs. John G. Ames, Mrs. E. W. Woodruff, Mrs. J. B. Wight, Mrs. T. A. Harding, Mrs. Jas. L. Ewin, Mrs. F. W. Vaughun, Mrs. W. R. Andrews, Mrs. O. B. Brown, Mrs. F. I. Willis, Mrs. W. S. Stetson, Mrs. F. H. Mable, Mrs. J. E. Pugh, Mrs. H. M. Clarke, Misses Dora and Edith Rogers, and Miss Helen R. Kirby; from 2 to 10.

I. O. G. T.—Mrs. A. E. Chambers, Mrs. Cox, Mrs.

and Mrs. Spiker.

I. O. G. T.—The ladies of Friendship Lodge, No.

11, I. O. G. T., at the Lodge room, Wilmot Hall, 8th and I sts. n.e., from 2 to 8. I. O. R.—The ladies of Purity Tent, No. 4, I.O. R., at the Tent room, Odd Fellows' Hall, Navy Yard, from 2 till 9. The members of the Irish-American Club, at their rooms, 1429 Pennsylvania ave.

Will Not Receive. Mrs. Wm. J. Armstrong and daughter; 1629 Conn. ave. n.w. Mrs. Capt, Robert Armour; 1604 Q n.w. Mrs. L. Arnold; 911 G. Miss May Anderson; 1517 10th n.w. Mrs. Silas Boyce; 1519 Corcoran. Mrs. Newton Benedict; 1633 Q. Mrs. H. T. Brian; 34 I n.w. Mrs. Wm. Ballantyne and Miss Ballantyne; 1328

ermont ave. Mrs. H. V. Boynton; 1321 R n.w. Mrs. D. W. Beach; 410 Mass. ave. The Misses Burger; 822 6th n.w. Mrs. Gen. Bailoch and daughter; 7th st. road. Mrs. W. V. Cox; 611 H n. w. Mrs. Wm. H. Chapman and daughters. Rev. Dr. Chester and tamily; 511 E. Capitol. Mrs. G. E. Crawford and daughter. Mrs. C. H. Carrington; 1334 Q n. w. Miss Mamie Collins and Cousins B. Driscoll and

M. Collins; 27 F n. w. Mrs. Collins; 420 6th n. w. Mrs. Judge Drake and Mrs. Westcott; 1416 20th Mrs. Dr. De Montreville; 920 H n. c. Mrs. Geo. W. Dicks; 901 French n. w. Mrs. E. N. Darling; 209 A s. c. Mrs. Rev. S. Domer and daughter. Mrs. M. G. Emery and daughter.
Mrs. Anton Fischer; 906 G n. w.
Mrs. Bladen Forrest and her daughters, the
Misses Forrest; 3339 N. West Washington. Misses Forrest; 3:39 N, West Washington.
Mrs. Robert C. Fox; 1018 Vermont ave. n.w.
The Misses Fauth; 304 11th n.w.
Mrs. J. L. French; 36 I n.w.
Miss Bertha Virginia Gatewood.
Miss Bernie Gallagher; 226 8th s.w.
Mrs. H. G. Gibson and the Misses Gibson.
Mrs. C. J. Hilliver.

The Misses Harman; 1502 Q. Mrs. Wm. A. Hungerford; 1518 Kingman Place, Mrs. Major A. Hubbell and daughter, Miss Josie Hubbeli; 1332 R n. w. Mrs. C. Hosmer; 1315 S n. w. Miss Carrie L. Huribut; 627 North Carolina ave

Mrs. J. D. Hazen.
Mrs. Jos. E. Hayden and Miss Eugene Russell
1211 Rhode Island ave. n. w.
The Misses Hudson; 2001 I n. w. Mrs. Philip Inch; 114 C n Mrs. J. H. Jochum; 920 S n.w. Mrs. Dr. D. S. Lamb; 800 10th n.w.

Mrs. A. P. Lacey; 604 F n.w.
Mrs. M. D. Lincoln; 1710 K n.w.
Miss May McComas; 1526 Columbia n.w.
Mrs. Wm. H. McKni, ht, of French st. Miss Lena McQuigg; 108 2d n.e. Mrs. G. Richard Merrick and Miss Nellie Meline Mrs. G. Richard Merrick and Miss Nellie Melline; 1625 14th n.w. The Misses McNantz; 129 6th n.e. Mrs. R. D. Mussey; 508 5th n.w. Mrs. Parker Mann and Miss de Barré; 2022 Hill-

Miss Muldoon; 1230 24th n.w. Mrs. A. P. Montague; 1514 Corcoran st.
Mrs. H. R. Naylor and daughters; 1506 9th n.w.
Mrs. Wm. Nicholson; 2222 G n.w.
Mrs. Samuel Norment; 928 M n.w.
Mrs. H. D. Norton and Miss Lillian A. Norton 2021 Massachusetts ave.

Miss O'Connor and Miss Kearney; 607 P n.w.
Miss Mary A. Patton; University Hill.

Mrs. Dr. Pomeroy and daughter; 802 O n.w.
Mrs. Edmund Rice, of Minnesota, and daughters;

926 15th.

The Misses Reynolds, of 1742 F.
Miss Eugene Rothwell; 1211 Rhode Island ave.
Mrs. C. L. Roach; 809 L n.w.
Mrs. Col. I. A. Rosecrans; 2107 Pennsylvania ave.
Mrs. Fred. O. Roman nee Hogan; 1437 Corcoran.
Mrs. Electa E. Smith; 1404 11th.
Manie A. Smith; 616 East Capitol.
Mrs. Addison W. Smith; Mrs. Addison M. Smith. Mrs. Geo. A. Sheehan; 1502 S n.w. Mrs. Wm. R. Stalley; 617 21st n.w. Mrs. and Miss Snead; 1534 L. Mrs. J. W. Somers; 1100 M. Mrs. John Tweedale; 911 Rhode Island ave. Miss Ida M. Tomlinson; 817 L n.w. Mrs. Dr. George Vasey. Maude E. Wolston; 1001 K n.w. Mrs. Aionzo Wecks; 619 N n.w. Mrs. S. W. Woodward; Wyoming eve. Mrs. M. V. Wells; 942 K. Mrs. Louise Winternaiter; 524 22d n.w.

Three Years in the Penitentiary. ROBERT GRAY'S SENTENCE FOR STEALING A GOLD

WATCH. In the Criminal Court to-day Robert Gray, a to-day to say whether he would meet Colbert in again. Farrell has agreed now to fight Colbert in March, and arrangements are being made for a meeting in that month. John O'Brien, of Chicago, will back Colbert against Farrell for from \$200 or Alexandria Affairs.

Reported for The Evening Star.

The Citizens' Memorial Meeting. — A town meeting was held on the call of the presidents of the city council boards and other leading citizens at Lannon's Opera House last night, to give expression to the public esteem for the late John B. Smoot, mayor of this city, and sorrow at his death, Hon. Chas. E. Stuart was called to the chair, and the representatives of the press in Alexandria.

The court—"You don't mean to tell me that you the court mean to tell me that was called to the court mean to tell me that the had been arrested before, and had served a term in the penitentary for one year for the larceny of \$75. He had since lived six years an honest life, but he had been arrested before, and had served a term in the penitentary for one year for the larceny of \$75. He had since lived six years an honest life, but he had been arrested before, and had served a term in the penitentary for one year for the larceny of \$75. He had since lived six years an honest life, b not want to put them to the trouble of a been living.

The court—"You don't mean to tell me that you went to the penitentiary when eleven or twelve

years old?"
The prisoner answered that he had gone there when atteen and served a year.
The records were hunted up and showed that he The records were hunted up and showed that he was sentenced to the penitentiary at the March term of 1884, and was sentenced to two years.

The court remarked that he had beer on good behavior but two or three years and remarked that he was fortunate that he had not been indicted for second offence, which would have given him ten years. He then imposed a sentence of three years in the penitentiary, the maximum under this indictment.

SUIT TO SET ASIDE CERTAIN DEEDS.—To-day
Mr. Leon Tobriner, for Henrietta Richard and
Isaac Haas, trading as Richard & Co., dealers in
coffees, teas, &c., filed a bill against Jno. F.
Forsythe et al., to set asige certain deeds alleged
to have been made in fraud. They set forth that
Forsythe being indebted to them in \$187.72, gave
them seven promissory notes on which he was
sued and judgment obtained, and they charge
that Forsythe being the owner of sub lots 17 and
18, in square 593, for the purpose of preventing
the enforcement of the judgments, had the same
conveyed to a trustee for the benefit of Mary A.
Forsythe, and that she subsequently conveyed the
lots for \$1,400 to other parties, and used the money
to pay other creditors. They pray now that these
deeds be set aside, and the property be decreed to
be liable for these judgments.

SENTENCED FOR FORGERY.—The case of Charles, alias James, West, colored, arrested for obtaining money from John Simmons on a note to which the name of Jos. Jones was forged, was tried in the Police Court to-day, and West was given 30 days. Levi Chisley and Chas. Wright, who were arrested in connection with the same transaction, were accusited.

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GOVERNMENT RECEIPTS TO-DAY .- Internal renue, \$278,169.97; customs, \$381,831.43. STOREKEEPERS AND GAUGERS have been apointed by the Secretary of the Treasury as folows: Fifth North Carolina district, Ro Tate, W. S. Clayton, J. G. Sharp, and John F. Albea; fourth California district, Win. Gwynn, jr., at Sacramento; first California district, Geo. P. White, at Oakland.

A BOARD OF ARMY OFFICERS, consisting of Lieut.

Col. Henry C. Hasbrouck, commandant of cadets; Maj. Chas. H. Alden, surgeon, and Maj. Chas. L. Heizmann, surgeon, has been appointed to meet at the West Point Military / cademy as soon as prac-ticable to examine into and report upon the phy-sical qualifications of Cadets Andrew Hero, ir., and David A. Ramells, with the view of determin-ing whether they should be continued longer in the service. UNDER THE CHICKASAW LAW .- Acting Secretary of the Interior Muldrow has decided that the De-

partment will not, as requested by certain citizens of the United States residing in the Chickasaw nation under the Chickasaw permit law, interfere to prevent the Chickasaw authorities from dealing with, under their own laws, such cattle as are owned and held there by the petitioners in excess of the numbers allowed by the permit regulations. IT HAS BEEN DECIDED by the President that he will not send a delegate to the medical congress to be held at Lima, Peru, next week.

READY FOR MONDAY'S RECEPTION AT THE WHITE House.—Beyond the erection of the awning frame at the east entrance of the White House portico there are but few signs of preparation for Mon-day's reception. The first window of the east room, next the door, will be utilized as in former years as an exit, and a bridge and steps have been placed in position, protected by an awning.

AMONG THE PRESIDENT'S CALLERS to-day were

the Astorney General, Senator Brown, Representa-

tives Darlington, Payson, Hogg, Townsend and

Sayers, Commissioners Bragg and Morrison, Ser-geant-at-arms Leedom and Mr. Frank Armstrong, ARMY ORDERS .- Capt. Rudolph G. Ebert, assist ant surgeon, relieved from duty at Fort Custer, Montana Territory, and ordered to report for duty at Fort Pembina, Dakota Territory. Col. Jas. M.

master, ordered to pay the troops now on the rolls at the Washington Barracks, Fort Myer, Va.; Fort McHenry, Md., and Fort Monroe, Va. THE WEATHER ON NEW YEAR DAY .- New Year Day will not be at all pleasant, in a weather point of view, according to the prediction officer at the Signal office, who told a STAR reporter this morning that the storm, which has been following on the heels of the blizzard, will reach here this evening. It is probable that the temperature will, in the meantime, rise sufficiently to insure a rain, although it may at first be preceded by a light snow fall.

A CIRCULAR has been issued by the Adjutant

General ordering the officers of the Army, now in

the city, to assemble in full uniform at the office of Gen. Sheridan by or before 11:30 on Monday to proceed to the President's reception. They will form by corps and regiments in the order given in the Army Register. GOVERNMENT FINANCES AT THE CLOSE OF THE YEAR.—The receipts of the Government from all

ber, when the payments on that account aggre-gated \$16,852,000 and \$16,833,000, respectively. Treasury Department Changes. The following have received appointments in the Treasury Department under the civil service rules, viz: Oliver P. Woolf, of Ohio, to the \$1,000 class in the office of the second auditor; John W. Jenkins, of Utah, to the \$900 class in the office of the sixth auditor; Geo. R. McManus, of Wisconsin, to the \$900 class in the office of the Secretary, and Jas. F. Kilgore, of South Carolina, to the \$900 class in the office of the Controller of the Curency.

The following clerks having served a satisfac-

tory probationary term have received absulute appointments: C. A. Keigwin, of indiana, to class one in the office of the first controller; Mr. L. H. Maine, of Rhode Island, to the \$000 class in the office of the sixth auditor; Thos. M. Wade, of Virginia, to class one in the office of the sixth auditor, and Miss E. K. Taylor, of Missouri, to the \$000 class in the office of the Controller of the Cur-Promotions—C. C. Benedict, of New York, from \$900 to \$1,000 in the office of the Secretary; Miss Sue H. Owen, of Georgia, from \$900 to class one in the office of the second auditor; S. H. B. Schoonmaker, of Louisiana, from \$900 to \$1,000 in the office of the Secretary; E. J. Mossman, of Ohio, from class two to class three; J. H. Clark, of Kansas, and A. P. Betts, of Ohio, from \$1,000 to class one in the office of the sixth auditor.

The following official changes have been made in the Department of the Interior: Office of the Secretary-Appointment: John McLean Lipscomb, of Virginia, clerk at \$1,400, by transfer under civil - service rules from War

Department, Surgeon General's Office.

General Land Office—Appointment under civilservice rules: Charles Hof, of Ohio, copyist at Pension Office - Promotion: Miss Laura L Strayer, of West Virginia; \$1,200 to \$1,400. Transfers in grade: John J. Burnham, of Rhode Island, and Amos B. Cosselman, of Missouri, from cierks to special examiners at \$1,400.

The Urgent Deficiency Bill. ITEMS OF DISTRICT INTEREST. District of Columbia: For Treasury gilver vault, repairs to the Treasury building, \$7,000; for the expenses of the Interstate Commerce Commission for the remainder of the fiscal year, \$15,000; for current expenses of the Columbian Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, \$5,000; for support of Freedmen's Hospital and Asylum, \$1,800; for miscellaneous expenses and the construction of a fire-proof records room for the Department of Justice, \$1,502.50.

The Pacific Bailroad Reports. WHAT CONGRESSMEN THINE OF THE NATTER. The reports of the Pacific Railroad Commission ers have caused some talk among the Members of Congress who are left in the city. It is thought Selection of the country of the presentative selection of the country of the country of the presentative selection of the country of the coun

AN URGENT DEFICIENCY.

No Money to Pay United States Balliffs and Witnesses and for Support of Convicts, and the Jurors' Fund Nearly The appropriations for the pay of balliffs, for

witness fees, and for the support of convicts for the current fiscal year have already been exhausted, and that for jurors' fees will not hold out two months longer. Attorney-General Garland has advised the Secretary of the Treasury of the fact, and requested him to ask Congress for an urgent deficiency to meet these wants, and immediately upon the reassembling of Congress the Secretary of the Treasury will make that recom

At the Department of Justice it is expected that the urgency deficiency will be the first business reported to the House from the appropriations committee. The estimates, with Secretary Fair-child's recommendation and the Attorney-General's letter, will no doubt be referred to that committee

letter, will no doubt be referred to that committee as soen as it is organized.

The United States Court for the northern district of Florida has adjourned until next month to give the marshal an opportunity to borrow money to pay bailiffs and witnesses. If he falls in that the court will have to adjourn until Congress makes an appropriation. The Department does not apprehend any serious embarrassment to the courts, for the reason that most of the United States marshals, it is thought, will have no difficulty in borrowing money, as Congress is in session and a deficiency appropriation will not long be delayed. But the marshals will have to lose the interest on money thus borrowed, as there is no layed. But the marshais will have to lose the in-terest on money thus borrowed, as there is no way to reimburse them. It, however, in any of the districts money cannot be borrowed, the court must adjourn until funds are provided by Congress. The inadequacy of the various appropriations is charged to the House committee on appropriations refusing to grant the amounts estimated. Notwithretusing to grant the amounts estimated. Advisors standing the increase of population and of judicial business, and the addition of a number of judicial districts, the appropriations made for the current fiscal year were not as much as those made in 1880. For the pay of district attorneys and assistants in 1880 \$350,000 was appropriated, while the appro-priation for the current year was only \$325,000. For fees of jurors the same appropriation (\$450,000) was made as eight years ago, and for witness ees the amounts were the same (\$550,000.)

The City Postmastership. Postmaster General Vilas told a STAR reporter o-day that no decision had been reached in the natter of the appointment of a postmaster for the Washington office. The papers are now before him, as they have been several times, and it is likely that some appointment will be made in time to be sent to the Senate when it convenes after

She Gained Her Point. WOMAN CLAIMANT WHO GOT HER PAPERS TO THE

the holiday recess.

PRESIDENT. Not many weeks ago, it may be remembered there was quite a little scene at one of the White House afternoon receptions, when a well-known pension claimant who had been waiting patiently for the other visitors to pass the President, missed her chance and had to rush wildly after him as he passed up the corridor. But she falled then in her attempt to force upon his attention a voluminous document with which she was armed, and when she left it was with an expressed intention to come again. She has not been seen at the White House since then until yesterday afternoon, when she managed to obtain a place in the long line of callers. On reaching the President she grasped his hand with energy and remarked: "How do you do, Mr. President? Happy New Year to you, and to Mrs. Cleveland also!" The President made an appropriate return to this cordiality and was about to transfer the otter.

this cordiality and was about to transfer his atte tion to the others, when she stepped back besid him, and, leaning over, whispered confidentially is his ear, at the same time handing him a small bit of folded paper which she had held concealed pre-viously. These words were all that were audible: "And they've ordered the payment, or at least, they will if you will only put your name on this and Oh! Mr. President I'll be so grateful to you." The President tried to smile as he shifted the paper from his right to his left hand, but it was not a hearty smile, and he shook his head and said: "I shall do what I can, Mrs.—"

And the claimant rejuctantly move along, while the President continued his hand shaking, with

he precious document rumpled in his left hand. The Opposition to Lamar. WILL PROBABLY DELAY, BUT CAN HARDLY DEFRAT

HIS CONFIRMATION. It is quite likely that as the opposition to Secre-Whittemore, Ordnance Department, ordered to report, January 4, at the Department of Justice, for the purpose of giving testimony in certain cases pending there. Major Wm. F. Tucker, paycase will be delayed, but still express confidence that he will be confirmed. It is understood that Senators Sherman, Edmunds, and Hoar will make speeches against confirmation, and as the demo-crats will reply there will robably be quite a pro-tracted debate. As Senator Sawyer has openly de-clared his intention to your for confirmation, thus clared his intention to vote for confirmation, thus adding one more to the number of affirmative votes nitherto counted, there is scarcely any probability of Mr. Lamar being rejected. Some of his opponents admit that they do not expect to defeat

THE SENATE COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE CAUCUS TO CONFER WITH HOUSE DEMOCRATS. It appears that the democratic senators, in their caucuses at the beginning of the session, gave ome consideration to the question of tariff legislation. Their discussions were to the effect that legislation for the reduction of taxes is necessary at this session, and that it is incumbent upon the sources during the month of December amounted to \$29,325,285, and the expenditures were \$10,400,682, a net gain of \$18,924,603, out of which must be paid about \$3,500,000 for interest upon the public debt, leaving, the actual surplus for December, \$15,424,603. The public debt was reduced during the month to the amount of \$15,250,000. For the entire year of 1887 the debt was diminished by \$117,016,000, the largest reductions being made in June and November, when the payments on that account aggredemocratic majority in the House to pass such

would seem to imply that the democratic Senators look to compromise measures on this important

Treacherous Steel. NAVAL MEN ALARMED ABOUT THE MATERIAL BEING USED IN THE NEW VESSELS. Naval circles have been thrown into a state of consternation by recent reports from California relating to the discovery of grave defects in the steel cruiser Charleston, now being built in that state. While an attempt was being made recently to bend slightly the heavy eight inch steel deck beams, several of them snapped in pieces under the strain of a hydraulic jack, to the great astonishment of the construction officers. The stee was from the East, and had been thoroughly tested according to the severe requirements of the steel board, standing successfully all of the tests as to tension, elongation, elasticity, &c. Much of this Muidrow, will receive on Tuesday at the Ebbitt House. Miss Louise Muldrow will assist Mrs. Sen-ator Butler on New Year's.

pectedly at a critical moment, To-day the following assignments of judges t hold the courts for the year 1888 were made: General Term-Chief Justice Bingham and Judg

Probate—Judge Cox.
District—Judge James.
Criminal—Judge Montgomery.
Two Circuit Courts will be established, Judge derrick holding the new division, No. 2.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE STREET IMPROVE-MENT REGULATIONS.

Capt. Eugene Griffin, of the engineer depart-ment, has recommended to the Commissioners that paragraph 17 of the street improvement regu-lations be changed so that "unimproved alleys and cross-streets will be paved back to the build-idg line, unless otherwise specially ordered. Alley pavements will rise from the street gutters to the level of the curbs of the return and will then be pavements will rise from the street gutters to the level of the curbs of the return and will then be kept level with the sidewalk. Where the slope is from the alley to the street, the alley pavement will be dished 2 inches in the center for 10-foot alleys, and not exceeding 3 inches for wider

The District Commissioners have received from the Secretaryof the Treasury a copy of the gocumen prepared as usual for the benefit of the Congres sional committees in which the District estimate are printed in the form of a bill. The revision ional committees in which the printed in the form of a bill. The revisions nade by the Treasury Department in the bill as originally drafted by the Commissioners are unimportant and mainly technical in character, and the revised estimates are substantially the same as made by the Commissioners. The conferences which the Commissioners have had with the First Controller of the Treasury upon the subject had relation to certain paragraphs in the bill which the former thought indefinite, but which, when the desired explanation was made, were considered the desired explanation was made, were considered the former thought indefinite, but which, was the former thought indefinite, but which, was the desired explanation was made, were considered entirely satisfactory. In this bill the Commissioners have made an important and necessary departure from old custom, in providing that all contingent expenses incidental to any work of improvement under the sewer, street, school and other appropriations shall be paid from the appropriations for those works, and not, as hereto-

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Pollok give a musicale to-Miss McCulloch and a small party of young peo ple who ride had arranged to see the old year out at ex-Secretary McCulloch's farm, riding out there, and having a supper and dance. That program has been reconsidered on account of the weather, and to-night the party will assemble at Mr. McCulloch's town house, on McPherson Square, and dance until midnight. Mrs. McCulloch will be at home on Wednesdays during the season after 4 o'clock.

Society Notes.

Mrs. Wallach gave a dinner party last evening and after the dinner was over an additional party came in and enjoyed a dance. Lieut, and Mrs. Wm. M. Irwin are at the Windso

or the winter. Mr. Thomas Swann, of Baltimore, and Miss Careta dason, daughter of Dr. J. F. Mason, of Loudoun county, were married in the pariors at Wormley's County, were married in the parlors at Wormley's this afternoon by Rev. Father Wilson, of Harper's Ferry. The company comprised only the near relatives and friends of the parties. The bride's mother, Mrs. Dr. Mason, and ber aunt, Miss Mason, Mayor and Mrs. Latrobe, of Baltimore, the latter being the groom's mother, and a number of prominent people from Baltimore and Philadelphia were present. The groom is a grandson of ex-Gov. Swann. The bride were a tailor-made traveling suit of gray cloth, and immediately after the ceremony and the cutting of a large cake left for a tour throughout the South.

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day afternoon. They were assisted by their sons and their sons' wives, Lieut, and Mrs. Van Vliet and their sons wives, Lieut, and Mrs. Van Viletand Dr. and Mrs. Fan Vilet in receiving. Mrs. Whitney, Mrs. Sheridan, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Mc-Culloch, Gen. Sherman, Mrs. Wright, Miss Mary Sherman, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Yale, and Miss Mary McCulloch were some of those present. Mrs. Van Vilet has out invitations for a similar reception next week on Friday. Mrs. Robt, I. Fleming will receive on Wednesdays during the season at her handsome new residence, 1018 12th street. She will soon issue cards

Gen, and Mrs. Van Vilet held a reception yester-

for a tea on the 18th of January.

Mrs. A. F. Magruder, daughter of Chief Justice kichardson, has invitations out for the Fridays in January, from 4 to 6, 1739 H street. Mrs. Magru-der will have with her on these occasions his French, of Newport. Mrs. Adial Ewing Stevenson, wife of the Pirst Assistant Postmaster General, who has been in delicate health for the past year, is much improved, and was able to make visits yesterday. Mrs. Stevenson will be "at home" to callers on Mondays, beginning with Monday, January 9, in her new home, 1513 Rhode Island avenue.

Mrs. John F. Rodgers, of 1310 16th street, has

Issued cards for two Friday teas January 6 and 13, from 4 to 7. Chief Justice Waite and Miss Waite, Mr. and Mrs. Leiter, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Strong gave dinners last evening to parties of young people. Mrs. Whitney was out yesterday afternoon making visits. She wore a braided dress of stone-colored cloth, and ever that a long close-fitting, close-sleeved cloak of stone-colored plush, that came to the feet, a strikingly handsome wrap, she wore with it a muff of long-haired fur in the same color, and a black velvet bonnet with nodding plumes of blue stone color.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Hitt gave a dinner party last

There was a gay little dancing party at the Chinese legation on Thursday night that was matron-ized by Mrs. Porter Heap and Mrs. Starring. Twenty couples enjoyed the smooth-floored ball-room of the Stewart mansion all to themselves for dancing, and abundant refreshments we in the dining-room.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Saules gave a small dancing party at their home on Thursday night. Mr. and Mrs. James O. Clephane entertained small party with music and dancing last evening. Miss Ella Matteson, of this city, was first bride maid at the marriage of her cousin, Miss Olive M. Geodell, and U. S. Marshal Z. T. Hill, which took place at the residence of ex-Gov. Grant, in Denver, on Tuesday of last week. Marshal Hill was formerly from Virginia. Miss Matteson, as maid of honor, were a demi-trained decolette dress of white tulle, trimmed with white hiacs.

Mrs. Reginald Fendall entertained a large num ber of people most charmingly yesterday aftern Mrs. C. M. Pepper will receive Tuesdays until Lent, at 1416 K street northwest. Representative J. C. Burrows and wife are lo cated for the winter at 1416 K street northwest. Mrs. Burrows will hold her receptions on Tuesdays

until Lent.

Mrs. Jas. O'Donnell, of Michigan. home on Fridays, at 1919 N street northwest. Mrs. Gen. Horace Fuller, of Cleveland, will be at home on Fridays during January, at 2022 I street. Miss Custis, daughter of Col. H. P. Custis, of Governors Island, N. Y., is visiting the Misses Harrold, daughter of the Rev. Dr. Harrold, 1761 P street northwest. Mrs. Milton J. Durham, wife of the First Cor

Miss Hedian, of Baltimore, is visiting Miss Ennis

troiler, will receive on Fridays in January. Mrs. Wm. D. Cabell will hold her Wednesday receptions through the season, at which she will be assisted by her daughter, Miss Elvira Cabell, who is a debutante tols season. Mrs. Cabell is also at home to triends informally on Miss Emma F. Reed, of Harper's Ferry, W. Va.

is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Reed, of 1611 10th street northwest. She will remain severa weeks. The engagement of Mr. E. Goldsmith, formerty of Baltimore, to Miss Ida Brager, of Alexandria, is announced. Mrs. Burnham, wife of Captain Burnham, of the 5th infantry, and mother of Lieutenant Burnham,

of the 6th infantry, with her young son who is at invalid, is at the Clarendon. The guests of the Hamilton will enjoy a hop this Mr. Alexander Greger, of the Russian legation has returned to the city, and will be present at the President's reception. Mrs. C. R. Bement and Miss Bement, of

York, are at the Arlington for the season. Mrs. Darlington, wife of Representative Darlington, 1800 Massachusetts avenue, receives on Tue Ex-Governor Perham, of Maine, and wife, are in the city, staying with their son, Mr. A. S. Perham, 1823 9th street. They, with their two daughters, who will come soon, will spend the winter in Washington. Gov. Perham and family made many friends in Washington during his service in Congress, and they will peccive a cordial welcome on their present visit.

Miss Ada Bowers, of Stoughton street, entertained a number of her young friends last night. Mrs. Henry Strong will be at home on Wednes. days in January.

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Muidrow, will receive on Tuesday at the Ebbitt House. Miss Louise Muidrow will assist Mrs. Sen-ator Butler on New Year. Five Years in the Pentientiary. ALBERT FOSTER REFUSED A NEW TRIAL AND SEN-TENCED ON ONE CHARGE. The motion for a new trial in the case of Albert alias "Babe Foster," convicted a day or two since of obtaining \$10 from Joseph Campbell by faise pretenses, and for falsely personating a police officer, was argued in the Criminal Court to-day

by Mr. W. H. H. Hart. The Court said he would

not disturb the verdict and would overrule the motion. The Court suspended sentence in the case of personating a police officer, and in the false pretense case sentenced him to five year in the Albany penitentiary. RECENT ROBERIES.—Sometime after 12 o'clock Thursday night burglars visited the stable of the Metropolitan Street Railroad Company, and broke open the cash box in one of the cars and carried off 150 car tickets and about \$2\$ in cash.—Yesterday morning, between 12 and 3 o'clock, thieves visited the clothing store of Abraham Herman, No. 738 7th street, where they cut the plate glass window and stole four overcoats.—Some time Wednesday night thieves broke into the store of J. M. Kest. No. 1920 Pennsylvania avenue, reports stolen from in front of his store Thursday night, a lady's coat valued at \$5.—Frederick Herzog, No. 918 7th street, reports stolen from in front of his store Thursday night a jersey worth \$2.—Adolph Weinhold, No. 919 8th street, reports stolen an overcoat valued at \$8.—Mrs. J. M. Hines, No. 1221 I street, reports stolen from a bureau drawer a \$20 bill.—Samuel Turner, No. 1235 10th street, reports the largeny of a revolver and other articles.

Six Months in Jail.—In the Criminal Court this morning Wm. Smith, indicted for an assault with intent to kill Frederick Hopkinson September 17th last, and convicted of an assault and battery, was called for sentence. The prisoner asserted that the man had assaulted him previously, and served his sentence, and he had been in jail for three months and twelve days. The court imposed a sentence of six months in jail.

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